

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Klawock City School District****Project Title:****Project Type:** Planning and Research

Klawock - School District Prince of Wales Vocational Education Center

State Funding Requested: \$200,000**House District: 5 / C**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

The project will fund a feasibility study for the development of a comprehensive Prince of Wales Vocational Education program / center. This project would be undertaken as a joint effort by all four school districts on POW Island.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$200,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	Amount	FY	Amount	FY	Amount	FY
Other Funds					\$150,000	11
Total					\$150,000	

Explanation of Other Funds:

\$50,000 will come from each of the other Prince of Wales Island School Districts (Craig, Southeast Island School District and Hydaburg).

These funds will be combined for planning and research assuming each of the Island Districts receive similar funding.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Each of the four school districts on Prince of Wales Island has a limited vocational education program. The districts want to jointly do a feasibility study / business plan for the development of an Island-wide comprehensive vocational education program that could be available to all secondary students on Prince of Wales and perhaps later be available to adults as well. Each of the districts is requesting that the legislature fund \$50,000 for contractual service funds that would be pooled to contract with one or more consultants to do a needs assessment / feasibility study, explore funding sources, and develop a business plan for a Prince of Wales Vocational Education Program. This concept was supported at a joint meeting of the four school boards held on January 6, 2010.

Project Timeline:

Planning and feasibility study will be conducted during FY 11 and & FY 12.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Richard E. Carlson

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



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February 10, 2010

Senator Kookesh
State Capitol Room 11
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Senator Kookesh,

The four Prince of Wales School Districts are putting in a request for funding to begin work on an island-wide vocational program. We are each asking for \$50,000.00, which we would then contribute towards conducting a feasibility study, developing a business plan, and finding an individual with the energy and enthusiasm to build the program and coordinate efforts to find additional funding.

Our districts have decided that, while we could pursue our interests in vocational education separately, we can do a far better job working together. Depending upon the outcome of this step, we will facilitate greater involvement by island students in each other's programs while building the capacity to develop a central site for vocational education.

Southeast Island School District continues to work toward establishing a vocational building construction program. We have access to a perfect facility, have the raw materials available, and will weave this program into a combined project with the other island districts should we acquire other funds enabling us to proceed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lauren Burch".

Lauren Burch
Superintendent

**Southeast Island School District
Resolution 2010-04**

WHEREAS, Southeast Island School District strives to meet the needs of its students and communities; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Island School District wants to enhance the vocational education component of its curriculum, preparing students to enter vocational fields or vocational programs after graduation; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Island School District has an overall poverty rate exceeding 80 percent; and

WHEREAS, there is an enormous need for economical, well-built housing for private use and for teacher housing on Prince of Wales Island; and

WHEREAS, the superintendents of the four Prince of Wales Island school districts (Southeast Island, Hydaburg, Klawock, and Craig) are interested in exploring the feasibility of an Island-wide vocational education program; and

WHEREAS, it has been suggested that the four districts make a joint request for project seed money from our legislators rather than seeking individual district discretionary legislative grants from the FY 11 Capital Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southeast Island School District Board of Education supports joining with Craig City School District, Klawock City School District, and Hydaburg School District to make a joint request for project seed money from our legislators rather than seeking individual district discretionary legislative grants from the FY 11 Capital Budget..

ADOPTED January 21, 2010 at a duly convened meeting of the Southeast Island School District Board of Education at which a quorum was present and voting.

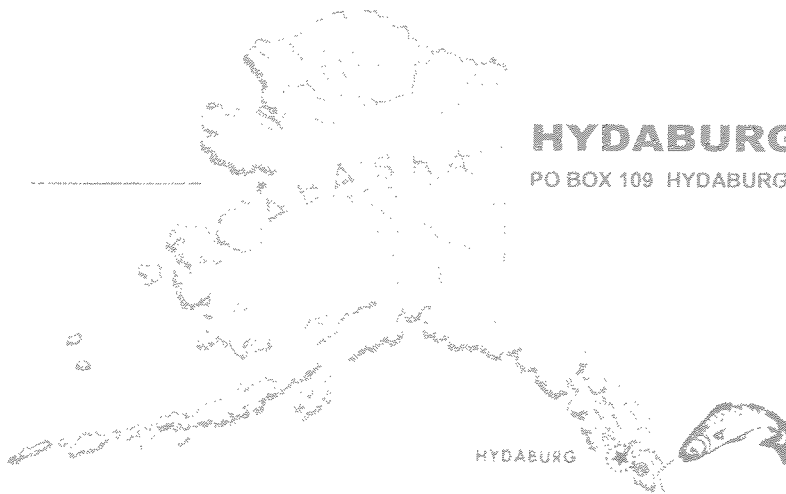
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SISD Board Secretary



HYDABURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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February 3, 2010

Senator Albert Kookesh
State Capitol Room 11
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Kookesh:

We have filed a capital budget request on line. Below is a summary of that request.

Each of the four school districts on Prince of Wales Island has a limited vocational education program. The districts want to jointly do a feasibility study/business plan for the development of an Island-wide comprehensive vocational education program that could be available to all secondary students on Prince of Wales and perhaps later be available to adults as well. Each of the districts is requesting \$50,000 in contractual service funds that would be pooled to contract with one or more consultants to do a needs assessment/feasibility study, explore funding sources, and develop a business plan for a Prince of Wales Vocational Education Program. This concept was supported at a joint meeting of the four school boards held on January 6, 2010.

Hydaburg City School District requests that for the sake of efficiency this grant be appropriated directly to the School District rather than to the City of Hydaburg.

Sincerely,

B. A. Weinberg, CEO
HYDABURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Legislative Support for Feasibility Study to Investigate a Possible Vocational Center on Prince of Wales Island

Position Statement

The Klawock City School District requests that the Legislature provide funding to support a feasibility study to investigate the development of a Vocational / Technical Center on Prince of Wales Island. It is believed that such a center would:

- Provide needed technical skills to residents
- Provide the knowledge and skills necessary to be competitive in the 21st Century
- Reduce the drop-out rate
- Increase employment opportunities for POW residents
- Provide incentives for economic development POW

*Adopted by the Klawock Board of Education
1/21/2010*